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"BOB" WILLIAMS REMEDIES THE PENDING STATEHOOD BILL

Discovered That a Strip of Indian Territory Containing 180 Square Miles Had Been Left Out.

ERROR WILL BE CORRECTED

Senator Beveridge Laughed at Democratic National Committeeman When Told of the Error, But Changed His Mind After Seeing the Map.

Washington, Feb. 21.—National Committeeman R. Williams of Durant, has left Washington after a visit of more than two weeks:

No sooner had he reached Washington than he discovered that a strip of territory lying in the extreme south central portion of the Indian Territory adjoining Red river, about six miles wide and thirty miles long had not been included in any congressional district. The mistake occurred in this way: The territory included in a congressional district, which included the Choctaw nation was enumerated by recording districts. Then Choctaw nation should be included in another congressional district. It so happened that in the recording district of which Durant is the place of recording a strip of the Chickasaw nation had been added to that district. This strip of territory does not belong in the Choctaw nation and was not enumerated in any recording district. Therefore, it was not in-

cluded in any congressional district. When Mr. Williams first made this statement the chairman of the house and senate territorial committee, Senator Beveridge of the senate territorial committee, laughed at it and replied that such a mistake was impossible. But Mr. Williams produced maps and soon convinced them of their error. The mistake will be rectified. The people residing in the western portion of recording district No. 25 will be included in a congressional district.

Another provision of the statehood bill to which Mr. Williams called particular attention was Section 2, which provides that all male persons over the age of 21 years, who are citizens of the United States, or who are members of any Indian nation or tribe in Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and who have resided within the limits of the proposed state for at least six months next preceding the election, shall have the right to participate in all elections held in pursuance with the provisions of the enabling act which congress will soon pass. The same section extends the election laws of Oklahoma over Indian Territory for the purpose of governing the election of members of the constitutional convention. Thus, any person convicted of an infamous crime and who had not been pardoned and his rights as a citizens thereby approved, would be entitled to serve as a member of the constitutional convention, or being an elector at the election. This provision will also be changed.

MESSAGE OF MAYOR BONER

Durant's Chief Magistrate's Address to the City Council.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mayor Boner delivered in substance the following message to the city council last night:

We cannot be too careful of our finances in the matter of public improvements. Any measure that will cut expenses without injury to the city should be adopted.

The general expense now is about \$7,200, to this add \$5,050 interest on bonds, \$2,000 sinking fund, \$5,000 for school purposes, making a total of \$19,250, to be expended.

He then stated that the waterworks now had 185 consumers, which should pay operating expenses.

He then recommends an occupation tax on butchers, drays and photographers.

He then suggests that all loading and unloading from drays should be forced to the back end of the buildings.

He then hits the street commissioner on plowing up the middle of the street, and that he should be instructed to grade all streets to the sidewalk line regardless of the trees.

He is in favor of a sweeping ordinance opening all streets and alleys with some exceptions.

WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE. On this question he stated that there are two pressing public improvements that are necessary for the best interest of Durant.

The first is the extension of the watermain on the south and

east sides, and the second is the building of a sewerage system. He suggests issuing \$16,000 worth of bonds for each purpose.

DOGS, STREET HAWKERS AND SLOT MACHINES.

He suggests that the night police check up on the street lights, and that ordinances be passed regulating gates opening on sidewalks, taxing dogs, street hawkers and slot machines, and use tiling instead of wooden culverts.

He also recommended that the duties and salary of the city clerk be enlarged, that all claims and accounts be audited by the finance committee and that each member of the police force be required to report the number of arrests and the disposition of the same.

WILL BE REPRODUCED.

Cantata "Esther" to Be Re-Staged at Opera House Friday Night.

The management announces that "Esther," the beautiful queen in sacred cantata, which played to a packed house last Friday night at the Wilson, and which was pronounced as being the best home-talent production ever staged in the city, will, by request, be reproduced next Friday night, Feb. 23, for the benefit of the local churches. It is stated that all the parts will be brightened up and that it will appear even better than the last performance. It is a dramatical and musical treat, a play that will do your soul good to see. As it is for the benefit of the local churches—and a meritorious entertainment—the house will no doubt be packed again next Friday night.

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GOING TO WASHINGTON

The Chickasaw Governor and Commissioners Summoned to Washington.

A. N. Leecraft of Colbert is in receipt of a message from Governor Johnson of the Chickasaw Nation, which was dated Feb. 19, stating that he had been summoned to come to Washington immediately and bring the commissioners for the purpose of going before Congress in regard to the coal lands.

Mr. Leecraft, as one of the commissioners, left on the noon train yesterday for the Capital.

McCurtain—Ellis.

The wedding of Jeshua McCurtain, of Cado and a nephew of Governor Green McCurtain, to Mrs. Lena Ellis, of Caddo taken place at the residence of Dixon Durant, last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. C. Stubblefield officiating.

Only intimate friends and a few relatives were present at the nuptial. Mr. McCurtain, is a prominent citizen of the Robbers Roost community, and Mrs. Ellis is a well known Choctaw lady, and they both have a host of friends who wish them smooth sailing over the sea of matrimony.

The were given a sumptuous wedding supper by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Durant which was highly enjoyed by all present.

FREE SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY

Subscription School Will Then Open For Three Months Term.

R. L. Crudup, president of the public school board of the city, in an interview this morning, gave it out as the decision of the board that the free term of the schools would close next Friday, after a six month's term, and that the subscription term will begin next Monday morning and carry out the nine months session.

It has not been determined as yet as to the tuition rates, but suffice it to say that they will be reasonable. The subscription school will be under the direct supervision of the regular principals of each ward, who will employ sufficient competent help to carry on the schools in the same efficient way as during the free term.

The patrons of the schools are urged to keep their children in the school through the closing three months term, as it is impossible to give a student nine-months education in a six-months term. Those that do not attend the closing three-months term will be just that far behind in their studies at the opening of the free term next fall.

J. D. Shaw and J. W. Howard, of Bokchito, were in the city today on business.

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And You'll find them to be comfortable, stylish, and durable. We have the rockers, the reclining and the stools in all their patterns—for the old folks, for the middle-aged folks, for the young folks and for the baby folks. For the next few days we will cut the prices a little lower than ever before. Come while they last.

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New Furniture Coming in Daily

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